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EXCERPT FROM MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit with Representative Porter Hardy (D., Va.)

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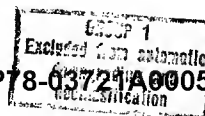
1. Mr. Earman and [] travelled to Norfolk and met with Representative Porter Hardy in his office for something over two hours including lunch.

6. We then turned to the problem of proposed legislation for an improved retirement system. Mr. Hardy indicated he had forgotten some of the points on this and we refreshed his memory. He stated that the Foreign Service has too much already and that they can get anything from the Foreign Affairs Committee they wish; therefore, he did not want us to be able to have whatever authorities are approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee. We pointed out to him that we were proposing an amendment to the short form bill which would require consultation with the House and Senate Armed Services Committees prior to the DCI adopting any of the authorities. It was further pointed out that this was based on a number of existing statutory precedents applicable to the Department of Defense where they are required to consult with the Committees prior to taking stated actions. Mr. Hardy said this consultation process is meaningless as far as he is concerned and that it was time in general for Congress to reassert its control in a number of the fields and that he for one was going to work in this direction as he has in the past.

7. We pointed out the long range objectives of both the Bureau of the Budget and Civil Service Commission to have one comprehensive retirement system for ~~all~~ ^{civilian} employees including special provisions for overseas employees. In view of that objective, both the Bureau of

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the Budget and the Commission did not want to see a new and different retirement system come into being. Mr. Hardy dismissed this problem by saying the problems with the Bureau of the Budget and the Civil Service Commission were ours and not his. He inquired whether we had in fact prepared a bill as the Committee had requested and this was shown to him. He indicated he would have no objection if we repeated verbatim certain provisions in the Foreign Service Retirement bill but he felt the Committee should have the total provisions before them so that they would know what they were approving. The long form bill was exhibited indicating that we had drawn this and presented it to the Committee as requested very shortly after the hearing. He asked had we put any slightly more liberal provisions in the bill and it was stated this long form bill was in fact a verbatim lift of the provisions applicable to Foreign Service giving the Agency no more and no less.

8. Mr. Hardy was unalterably opposed to the short form bill even with the proposed amendments and it was clear to us that no useful purpose would be served by our going into the matter in greater detail attempting to push for his approval of the short form. On the other hand, Mr. Hardy agreed that there should be special provisions for certain limited numbers of Agency personnel.

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